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Dysart accepts new Glebe Park stewardship plan

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Much has changed in Glebe Park in the years since its last stewardship plan.

Jim Blake, chairperson of the Glebe Park and Museum Committee, spoke to Dysart council when it met April 23 about the 175-acre park's new stewardship plan that will be in effect until 2033.

The township council voted to adopt the park committee's new plan.

The new plan represents about five years of work by the committee. He said much has happened since the first stewardship plan in 2010.

"It feels like a completely different park now," he said.

Mountain bike trails have been introduced and a snowmobile trail network now encompasses the whole property. Older trails that had slipped onto private land over the years have been reworked for public access.

The parks wooded thoroughfares are used for walking as well as for cross-country skiing and biking.

"So we have an enormous amount of action in the forest in relation to those things," Blake said.

Also since the last stewardship plan, beech bark disease has been introduced so that many trees are either dying, dead, or in danger. Growth in the deer population has also had a dramatic impact on Glebe Park's ecology, he said.

That's to say nothing of the effects of extreme weather over the years.

"So it made sense for us to, obviously, renew the plan," he said. "There were a number of features to be considered in terms of uses of the park and also what's happening with the forest."

He said the park lands are being managed as unmanaged forest.

"Which sounds like an oxymoron but, if you read the research, it's not unmanaged," Blake said.

The group maintains three stewardship values for the park: Its recreational and cultural use, the forest's ecological integrity, and visitor safety.

There are many kilometres of trails dedicated for various recreational pursuits and the forest around those trails need to be maintained to ensure user safety, he said.

"We're really feeling like we're at a capacity for trails in the forest," he said. "Certainly the double-track trails."

Segmenting the forest by such means has more of a direct impact on the wildlife than single-track trails would, he said.

The first stewardship plan featured a forest management plan. Initially, little was done in that regard but "danger trees" have since been removed.

"The danger trees didn't really become an issue until just recently," Blake said. "The forest changes over time, so we did an entire review of the forest, identified all the hazard trees, and developed an ongoing policy."

Infected beech trees have been taken down and left where they fell so as not to transfer the bark disease to another area.

"Even though it looks like very desirable firewood, we don't want to be taking it out of the forest," he said. "That's a key thing."

Mayor Murray Fearrey suggested it may be necessary to obtain the expertise

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A rich history

At this month's Razzamataz kids' show, the Dancers of Damelahamid presented Spirit and Tradition featuring teachings of Indigenous culture and history from BC's Northwest Coast on Sunday, April 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion See more photos on page 2. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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Intricate masks and elaborate regalia were used for storytelling during the Dancers of Damelahamid's Spirit and Tradition Razzamataz performance on Sunday, April 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Glebe Park fights beech bark disease

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of a qualified arborist to help deal with the felled trees and the beech bark disease.

Blake said there's a committee member who is a qualified arborist who has been lending his expertise on the matter.

"He's got an incredible eye on the forest," Blake said of the committee member.

"So he looks after the management, but who is taking the trees down?" Fearrey said.

Blake said one of the ski clubs that use the trail network has been removing infected trees as part of their trail maintenance.

"Their volunteers are taking down the ones (trees) that you can push over or are easy to take down," Blake said. "But anything that obviously has a higher risk, we're bringing in professional foresters."

Those skilled workers are hired at a reasonable price, he said.

"I know you're counting those dollars, Murray," Blake said.

"I'm always counting the dollars," Fearrey said.

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Previous low county taxes yields 'unfunded liability'

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has a rather unique demographic position as seen through an audit of last year.

Oscar Poloni, a managing partner with the auditing firm KPMG LLP, met with county council April 24 and presented a draft of Haliburton County's consolidated financial statements for the period ending Dec. 31, 2023.

Poloni compared Haliburton County to Elgin, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Perth, and Peterborough in the year-end report.

Haliburton County was second to Peterborough in number of households, but was lowest in population, operating costs, and household income.

Haliburton County has more households than it does residents. That's the nature of any cottage region where part-time summer residents flee the winter months in favour of primary homes elsewhere.

That makes it difficult to compare the finances of Haliburton County to other jurisdictions.

"If we rearrange the numbers a little bit and look at the operating cost by population, we actually do compare very favourably that way," said Deputy Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills.

He said many county costs such as the various social programs and the paramedic service are driven by population as opposed to households.

"That becomes difficult in trying to do these comparisons," Carter said.

There's been a focus over the years by successive county councils to keep the tax levy as low as possible. And that, he said, resulted in under-spending on crucial infrastructure.

That's created an "unfunded liability" council faces trying to catch up on the infrastructure needs, equipment replacement, and other necessities.

"What we did this year by putting in a special levy for the infrastructure is something that we're going to have to continue to do," Carter said. "Because at some point those things need to be replaced."

Although the county's permanent population hasn't changed, Coun. Cecil Ryall, Highlands East's deputy mayor, said the number of part-time residents have been lengthening their stays.

"To the point where it's almost semi-resident," he said. "It affects the lower tiers' waste management significantly."

Ryall asked if it would be fair to expect costs of services such as the county paramedic service to be more difficult to control because more part-time residents stay longer in the county.

"That's correct, particularly for land ambulance services," Poloni said. "The more people you have, the more calls for service. It's like fire departments. To the extent that there's more (people) or they're staying longer, your seasons will start to expand."

Often what happens is a resident's expectations of municipal service levels increase the longer they stay, Poloni said.

"What you'll find is the influx of people staying longer, what have you, will drive things like land ambulance services," he said. "But it will also drive expectations not of service quantum but service levels."

That rise in residents expectations about parks and recreation, emergency services, and waste management will be more acutely felt at the lower-tier municipal level.

"It is an evolving situation," Poloni said. "There's always benefits with respect to seasonal residents in terms of assessment, but there's also impacts from a cost perspective."

Oftentimes those cost impacts are uncontrollable, he said.

The county has an average income level against extremes of affordability, said Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands. Haliburton County is of a mix between extremely wealthy residents and those who are incredibly vulnerable.

She asked if that dichotomy in Haliburton County is similar to the makeups of comparative communities Poloni used in his auditor's report.

Poloni said the information used came from Statistics Canada data. It's understood that the household income that's reported is for permanent residents, he said.

"If 60 per cent of the income (data) is influenced by people from Toronto who make $1-million a year, I don't believe that's reflected in the numbers," Poloni said. "I think these are year-round incomes that you're looking at there."

In terms of distribution, Poloni said he isn't certain how the county would compare to the other centres cited in his report.

Intergenerational properties influence the affordability figures, he said. Those are waterfront recreational properties inherited from great-grandparents to grandparents to parent. Those properties have come to be worth upwards of $2 million and are owned by people who work professions traditionally viewed as middle class.

"People who typically wouldn't have the income to buy that if they had to buy it," Poloni said. "Not everybody who owns a $2 million waterfront property in the Haliburton area actually makes $2 million a year."

There's a challenge in the number of variables that influence the analysis, he said.

"If there's 12 people listening to this presentation, there's 12 different analyses that could be done," he said. "We just don't have that level of detail to go into that level of analysis."

County questions best makeup of STR appeals committee

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Each of Haliburton County's lower tier municipalities have retained a third party to handle the municipal accommodation tax when it's implemented.

Scott Ovell, the county's economic development and tourism director, told council when it met April 24 that each of the municipalities has secured Granicus to tax short-term rental (STR) operators and collect the four per cent municipal accommodation tax (MAT) when it is implemented in October.

"Right now, I believe staff are targeting early summer to basically open up the window for registration," Ovell said. "That allows for a robust period for communication, and get information out there, and deal with any issues we have."

County and staff at the four townships have meet to establish best practices and discuss what's been experienced thus far toward getting the short-term rental regulations off the ground.

"Really to help streamline the process and help get it up and running as fast as possible," Ovell said.

Ovell has met with three of the four municipalities to discuss the MAT.

According to 2023 data, the new MAT could generate as much as $2.2 million across the county. But indicated in a report to council that rental activity has decreased so far in 2024.

"That's really a snapshot in time and that's based off data we've been able to obtain from the Ministry of Tourism," Ovell said. "But also recognizing the accommodations space is really fluid and is really subject to micro and macro trends."

When developing the STR bylaw, it was agreed that a STR appeals committee would be a function of the county. The most common framework among other jurisdictions for an appeal or review committee is to add it to the scope for an existing business licensing and appeals committee that also deals with taxis, food trucks, parking tickets and some seasonal vendors.

As this framework does not currently exist here, the county will need to create a new framework.

Ovell said staff recommends that, for the remainder of council's term, the appeals committee be comprised of five members of council, with membership consisting of one representative from each township.

Warden Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands' mayor, said she's eager to get a look at the terms of reference for the appeals committee.

"I think there might be a bit of discussion about who is going to sit on the appeals committee," she said.

"I don't believe that it should be politicians who are sitting on that appeals committee," said Councillor Bob Carter, Minden Hills' mayor. "We are already too busy with various committees and now this police detachment board has added another committee to what we do."

Carter referenced the new OPP Detachment Board that's been mandated by the province to be created.

"I would have it (appeals committee) made up of three staff people from the various councils on some sort of rotating basis so it doesn't take up too much of their time," Carter said.

That way, if somebody feels they had been refused a STR licence because of prejudice by a specific township council, they could make an appeal to the committee comprised of representatives of the other three township councils.

"Taking up more of our time for this process for licensing just doesn't make sense to me," Carter said.

"I do not think it's a good idea to put staff in that position," Danielsen. "I would've proposed that each municipality have their representative that they appoint."

That person doesn't have to be a member of the upper tier county council, she said. The representative on the appeals committee may be somebody chosen from their township council.

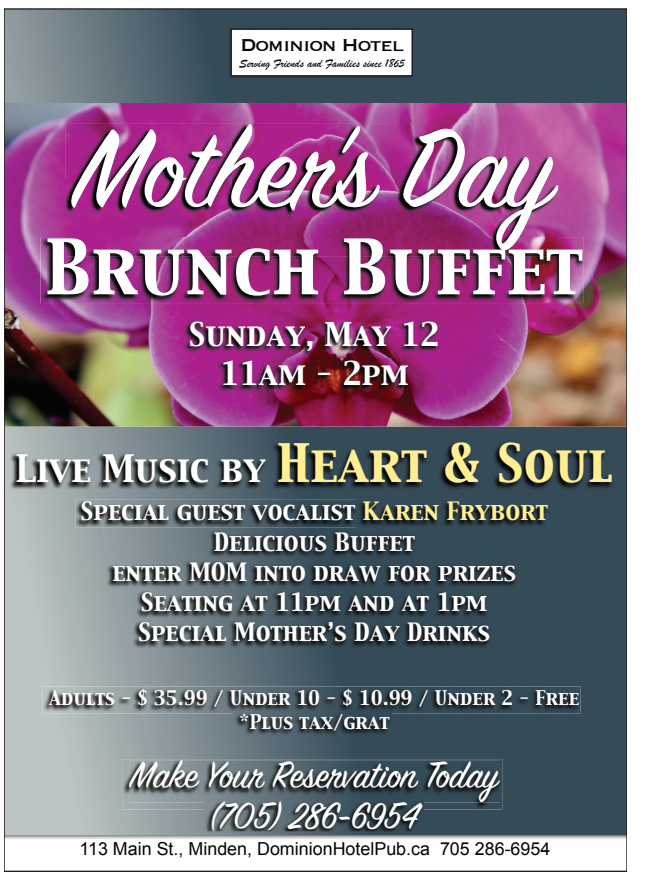
"I would like to see a mixture of public representatives and council representatives," she said. "I think that would be fairer."

Coun. Cecil Ryall, Highlands East's deputy mayor, suggested the appeals committee be comprised of one individual from each township and one person from county council.

Ovell said it's been recommended that the appeal committee be comprised of the county's sitting warden and one person from each municipal council. That's a five-member panel.

"We haven't included the recommendation to include public representation at this time," Ovell said. "However, that is at your discretion to provide that direction to us to modify that. We'll just have to include that in the terms of reference."

"I do think it is important that we have at least a couple members of the appeals committee that are public," Danielsen said.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Volunteers recognized for First Responders Day

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Last year on First Responders Day, representatives from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment and Haliburton County Paramedic Service joined together at the Haliburton EMS base to welcome residents. /Submitted

All four Haliburton County municipalities are busy preparing for this year's First Responders Day on Wednesday, May 1.

Members of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, municipal fire departments and the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police are hosting an open house for community members to learn more about local emergency services.

Dysart Fire Chief Dan Chumbley said the local department in Haliburton will show off some of their most used equipment.

"The fire department has evolved and offers a lot more than just fire suppression services," Chumbley said. "We set up some activities that interested parties can participate in such as operating a fire hose, target practice with a wildland firefighting pack, and trying on 'bunker gear'. Our firefighters really enjoy demonstrating the equipment they use."

Now more than ever, it's important to recognize the work of volunteers, Chumbley said.

"This county functions with a high dependence on volunteers," he said. "It is important to recognize that many of these individuals give upwards of 200 hours with some closer to 500 hours each year to aid their neighbours and visitors," he said.

Often, volunteers are called out at night and still attend their day job the next morning.

They're the hard workers that often sacrifice their personal lives to respond to emergencies, save lives, and keep the county safe.

"On behalf of the County and our four member municipalities, I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations to all of our first responders who go above and beyond every day to keep us safe. The Haliburton Highlands are in excellent hands thanks to your dedication," said Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Chumbley said the department is anticipating many families to stop in after school and check out what they have to offer.

You can find the Dysart Fire Department on South Street in Haliburton behind the arena as well as the EMS Base.

EMS and the Highlands East Fire Department will be at Station 4, 2259 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

Algonquin Highlands firefighters will be at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall, 1123 North Shore Road, and EMS, fire, and OPP first responders will be at the Minden EMS Base, 12410 Hwy 35, Minden Hills Fire Dept, 12418 Hwy 35, and the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, 12598 Hwy 35.

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Ctrl Art Del's 2024 production of Mustard stars Valerie Zagorska as Leslie, Chris Chumbley as Mustard and Jessica McCready-DeBruin as Bug. /Submitted

Ctrl Art Del's new play really cuts the mustard

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Local theatre company Ctrl Art Del is taking the stage again to bring *Mustard* by Kat Sandler to the Performing Arts Pavillion in Haliburton. Sandler won the Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding New Play for Mustard in 2016.

"Mustard is a Canadian play by Kat Sandler. It's a coming of age story and a dark comedy. The idea is that when every human is born, they have something called a boon, which is like an imaginary best friend that's assigned to them and the boon stays with them until they are about five or six years old," says Amy Leis, Stage Manager for the upcoming production of Mustard put on by Ctrl Art Del.

Thai, the protagonist of Mustard, has a boon that never left. His name is Mustard and he lives under her bed.

"Something that's cute and funny when you're six is less funny when you are 16," says Leis.

Ctrl Art Del began rehearsing Mustard shortly after their Valentine's Cabaret showcase in February.

Mustard is Leis's favourite play. "I love this show. Mustard is a show that I was exposed to back in theatre school," says Leis.

"The characters are not necessarily nice people. They are angry and loud and don't necessarily treat each other politely," says Leis.

"I just fell in love with it. It's such an intelligently written show about change and about accepting really hard goodbyes that are sometimes necessary for growing up. It's also a very trauma informed play, which I greatly appreciate. I also found that a lot of shows don't actually portray what it really feels like to be a 16 year old girl and Thai is about as close as they come to reflecting reality."

"In this show, every character has a lovely, well defined, easy to follow character arc," says Director Tim Nicholson. "Kat did an extraordinary job, making my laugh as a director so much easier. It;s a lovely piece to direct as you know where the character is starting, where the characters finish and all you need to do is point out the obvious to your actors. It's hard to describe, it's a cacophonous play as everyone speaks at once trying to get their voices heard."

"It's been a joy to direct," says Nicholson. "We have four teenagers in this show, very young and very inexperienced. I have watched these four kids rise to the occasion and grow with their characters and grow as individual people outside of the theatre."

"Our female lead is a high school teacher. This is her first time ever on stage and I'm watching her and wondering why she's never been on stage before," says Nicholson. "I give her a note and she brings such emotion and such power to her character. It's hard for me to fathom this is her first time appearing on stage."

"It's a great show for high school and up. It's often very, very funny, and I hope lots of people will come see it," says Leis.

Performances of Mustard will be taking place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday will also have a matinee show at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for Mustard can be purchased at the door and online at tickets.ctrlartdel.ca/tickets. Adults are $40 and students are $20.

HCSA donates to HHHS

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has gifted $2,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services for diabetes education. The hospital will use the funds to purchase a doppler to assist the Diabetes Education Team in treatment. A doppler is a device that measure blood flow in patients. The HCSA turned one of its trail groomers into a fundraising machine, turning tracks on The Rail Trail, TOP B103 raising one dollar for each hour of grooming time and topping it up with volunteer cash donations, and a bottle drive. HCSA President Neil Vanderstoop said, "With the poor winter that challenged us, it was great to see the team pull together to raise money for this project." This is the forth year the HCSA has supported a small local charity. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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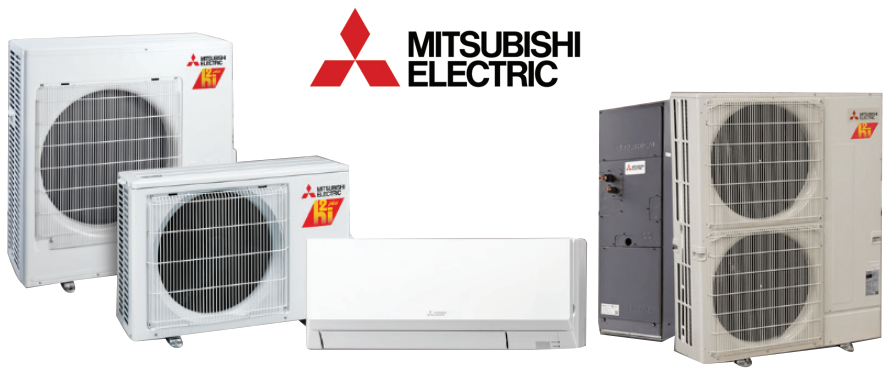

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Wild leeks grow in abundance in the Highlands. by Vivian Collings

Editorial

Spring cleaning

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I JUST MOVED out of my little apartment and back in with my family last weekend.

Affectionately named my "cave", it was just a studio - a kitchen, a bathroom, and a living room that also served as a bedroom, but it suited me perfectly.

For the past year and a half, the cave was the coziest nook for me to get away from the world.

But, every chapter has its end, and it was time for me to say goodbye to that little sanctuary.

It seems I stumbled upon a side gig with endless need - I've been housesitting and pet sitting all around the county for the past couple of years.

It's truly my second-favourite job.

Every house is a new staycation, and getting to hang out with different quirky pets is so fun.

With that, and a housing crisis, I knew my apartment would be better suited to someone who would be able to use it all the time.

And I will admit I was starting to feel a bit haggard and anxious from the disorganization that comes from traveling so much.

Part of my belongings were at my family's house, lots were at my apartment, and far too many stayed in my car to avoid lugging them up and down the cave stairs.

I was constantly losing things and felt way too busy to spend days reorganizing.

Nothing motivates better than a deadline.

Here we are at the end of the month, so I had one last weekend to get everything moved out.

Guess what though?

It was a tiring weekend, but the stress is gone.

I feel so much lighter.

And it's because a) all of my things are in one place now, and b) I was able to donate and recycle bags and bags of clothing and other items.

It turns out there's a reason why spring cleaning's popular.

The psychological science behind it is that clutter can easily overstimulate us.

Dealing with it should be an easy fix, but plety of barriers stand in the way of pile-free lives.

"The time and energy it takes to decide what you want and to make a plan are often saved for more crucial tasks. Furthermore, many of us would rather spend our few minutes of down time relaxing rather than organizing our file cabinets," says Psychology Today.

For me, the more there is to organize, the more overwhelmed I feel, thus putting off cleaning until I have no choice.

But it's really true that all you have to do is start with one thing. Maybe it's a couple of clothing drawers or the Tupperware cabinet in the kitchen.

Once you start, you realize it wasn't actually as bad as all of that worrying.

OK, the Tupperware might be that bad.

It really helps, though, that we have the Textile Recycling Program in Dysart and places to donate items like Thrift Warehouse and the Lily Ann Thrift Store.

And if you collect enough items you don't need, booking a spot in Dysart's New to You community yard sale on July 6 is a good option, too.

Take it from me and get organizing this spring, for your own peace of mind.

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DEAR READER:

Well, wouldn't you know, Mother's Day is upon us and ol' Maybelle is over the moon giddy, feeling as warm as freshly baked bread from the oven just thinking about it. Why, thanks to our ancient sisters wayyyy back when who first created a festival honouring their cherished goddesses and such, and then morphing over time into the official Mother's Day as we know it, back in the 1800s, today we celebrate our mother and all mothers around the world who let us come forth screaming and crying and messing up perfectly clean diapers, don'tcha know. Diapers that they had to make themselves. Think about it. There were no such things as Pampers and diaper services back then.

Now, ol' Maybelle was lucky. My mother was not only loved by me, why Lotty Maybeline Juniper Morton was loved by everyone who knew her. Why, her smile alone could light up a room. No worries about a power outage in our house. And she was so kind and generous, warm and funny. And oh my, could my mama cook! Give her a recipe and she'd twirl it on the end of a spatula and make wonderment come out of the oven. Why, you'd think I'd be big as a house growing up with such a great cook for a mama. But, not unlike Lotty, I grew up looking more like a beanpole than a pear… until I discovered Kawartha Dairy Pralines and Cream years later when it was finally invented, don'tcha know.

Now, Mother's Day didn't just appear out of the blue. It started with social justice advocate, poet and author, Julia Ward Howe who issued her inspired "Mother's Day Proclamation" back in 1870, when it called upon mothers of all nationalities to band together for world peace. You see, she had nursed and tended the wounded during the civil war, and worked with widows and orphans of soldiers on both sides of the war, and realized that the effects of war go far beyond the killing of soldiers in battle. Why, if she didn't urge women to "rise up through the ashes and devastation," urging a Mother's Day dedicated to peace.

Although it wasn't until 1914, after the untiring efforts of Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, that it became a national holiday and a "public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers," it feels extremely appropriate to ol' Maybelle to hold, once again, the timely importance of Julia Ward Howe's cry for world peace, as top of mind on this Mother's Day.

Here is an excerpt from Julia Ward Howe's, Mother's Day Proclamation.

"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy, and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, 'Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonour nor violence indicate possession."

With this in mind, dear reader, I wish you and yours a very happy, loving, and peaceful Mother's Day!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

points of view

Kind words

steve galea

Loon Tales

I WAS WALKING through the parking lot of the grocery store last Friday, when a woman who was pushing a cart the other way was kind enough to tell me in passing that she looks forward to reading this column every week.

I smiled and said thank you. But honestly, I should have said more.

So, I hope she is reading this now.

Because this is what she didn't know.

I was feeling very sad at that moment, for a lot of reasons.

Events and the pressures of life had piled up on me and, honestly, it was getting fairly dark inside my head – and this time it wasn't just because my ear hair needed trimming.

Fortunately, this woman's kind words reminded me that I essentially get paid to hunt, fish, and try to make people laugh. Which is kind of amazing, considering how bad I am at all three.

So, kind lady, if you are reading this, I want you to know, in no uncertain terms, that your positive words really meant a lot to me, especially at that moment. In fact, they made my day and brightened my weekend.

That's why I sincerely hope, somewhere down the line, that sort of kindness comes right back at you tenfold.

I know this isn't the kind of column anyone expects of me. But I also think it's important to celebrate good deeds in these troubled times. More importantly, this is a great example of how to go about complimenting truly deserving people.

Having said that, I am not blind to the fact that by centering out that one highly intelligent woman and putting her on a well-earned pedestal, I might make some of my other readers feel like I'm playing favourites.

Believe me, that's not my intent. I am fully aware that not everyone is fortunate enough to get a chance to compliment me in person – no matter how much they probably want to.

I also recognize that there are those of you who are justifiably embarrassed by your mediocre complimenting skills. I run into these people all the time.

Like that guy last week who told me, "You know, you're not half as stupid as you look."

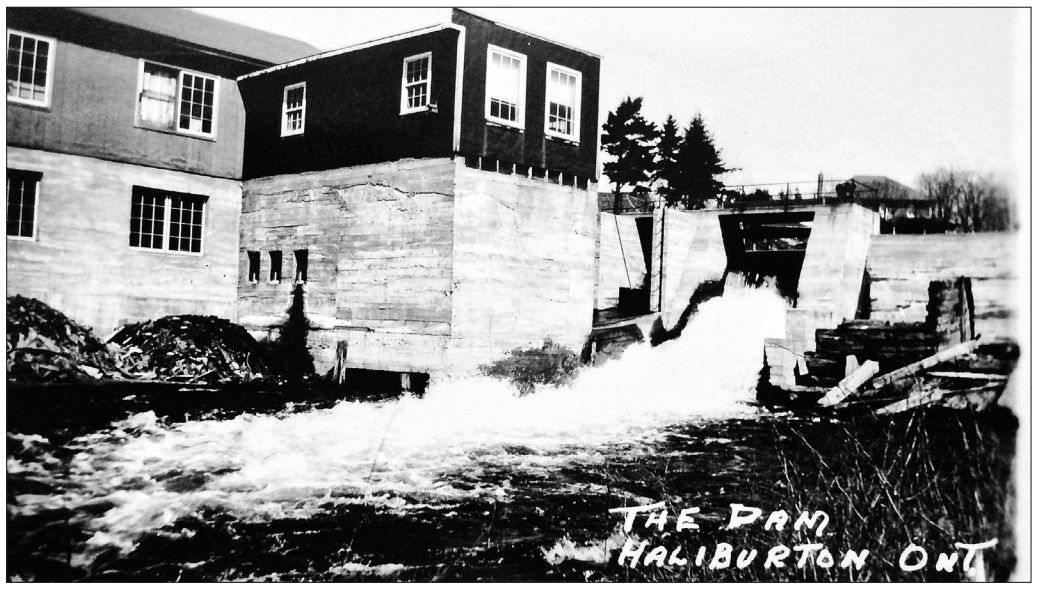
So, before you take that compliment out to that important someone in your life, why not practice on me?

You see, taking a compliment is perhaps my only talent. I have been graciously accepting real and imagined ones for more than 30 years.

A little shy? Well then, why not consider a low-key gesture such as starting a letter-writing campaign to the Royal Family recommending me for a possible knighthood? Or maybe, you might want to do something fun like convince all the tall people you know to duck walk for an entire day, just so they know what its like to see the world through the eyes of us short people. I'd really like that.

Also feel free to text, email, or send a letter or postcard to me with a thoughtful compliment or even an ambiguous insult I can put a spin on. I promise you I will read them all and put the best few on our fridge.

Of course, dear readers, you don't have to do anything at all and I still will appreciate you. Just not as much as that nice lady. I mean, let's face it. She put in the effort.



pic *of the* past

This photo of the Emmerson Dam in Haliburton comes from Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong's collection of pictures. Kim Emmerson, who maintains the dam today, says he thinks the photo was likely taken in the 1950s. /FILE

letters to the editor

The system works

To the Editor,

Over the past three years, I have experienced three life threatening health issues. Each of them required attending first, the emergency facilities in Haliburton, and second, ambulance transportation to hospital and surgery at Peterborough Hospital, all of the emergencies not being directly related to each other. My latest emergency was just four weeks ago.

I want to express to everyone that the care, attention and solutions that I was provided and received was timely, professional and obviously caring.

Even though we hear of concerns regarding our health care, I want the public to know that the people involved are ready to do the function they were trained for. If it happens that you have an emergency just allow those who are trained and professional to do their job. They want to and will do it to the best of their ability.

I especially offer my thanks and gratitude to the staff (especially Nancy) and doctors at the Haliburton Hospital who properly diagnosed my last problem and got me off to Peterborough Hospital in a quick time for proper treatment.

Yes I am still alive and functioning because the system works.

David M. Bishop
Haliburton

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

Be part of a community yard sale

Do you need to get rid of gently used toys? Or do you have dishes or furniture that need a new home? Maybe a closet full of clothing that someone else could enjoy?

Instead of hosting a yard or garage sale on your own property, register for the Municipality of Dysart et al's third annual New To You Community Yard Sale!

The New To You Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, July 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the A.J. LaRue Arena, 728 Mountain Street, Haliburton.

There are 35 spaces available for households to sell gently used household items from their vehicles. Preference will be given to households from Dysart. Transient traders are not permitted.

There is a registration fee of $30 plus HST.

As a participant, you'll provide your own tables, chairs, and cash float. If you chose to bring your own tent, you must provide weights to secure it, as nothing is allowed to penetrate the asphalt. You'll set your own prices, and are responsible for taking all materials away at the end of the event. Set up will begin at 6 a.m., with shopping starting at 8 a.m.

You can register and pay online at www.dysartetal.ca/newtoyou.

There are only 35 spaces available, so register soon so you don't miss out on this exciting new opportunity!

Submitted by the Municipality of Dysart

County waits to name OPP detachment board member

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's new OPP Detachment Board is taking shape.

The new detachment board will be comprised of seven members. One from Haliburton County council and one each from councils in the four lower tier municipalities.

One community member jointly appointed by county and local municipal councils will be included along with a provincial appointee to round out the board's necessary seven members.

The new legislation states that former members of the OPP are prohibited from serving as detachment board members. But people who were members of police services other than the OPP can be on the board.

Warden Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands' mayor, said there's been discussion about having the county's representative on the board be switched out in favour of another individual from the public.

Gary Dyke, the county's CAO and clerk, said that would require an amendment to provincial regulations governing the makeup of the new OPP detachment boards.

"Which is a bit of a process," he said. "I think there's some merit to proceeding in that fashion."

Appointing a county representative wouldn't prevent council from requesting such a change later, he said.

"I'd like us to proceed with trying to get the regulation changed so that we could have another public member," Danielsen said. "To me, that seems like a much more balanced approach. To have five members of county council seems a bit heavy."

Councillor Bob Carter, who is the mayor of Minden Hills, said he supports a second public representative. His only concern is that, because of how the province appoints representatives, the new position may not be filled until sometime in 2025.

"It has to go through the legislature," he said.

It could be more beneficial if the county went ahead and appointed a representative. That would enable the board to have meetings this year, he said.

A number of lower tier representatives have been appointed to the board for their respective councils. Danielsen suggested the county's appointment be deferred to allow remaining councillors time to consider being on the board.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, who is Dysart's mayor, was designated to be his municipality's representative on the board during the township council's March 26 meeting.

But Danielsen then asked Fearrey to serve as the county's representative on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

So during a special meeting of Dysart council April 9, Fearrey relinquished his seat on the police board in favour of being the county's presence on the health board.

"I had to make a choice because they're both a lot of work," Fearrey said at Dysart council. "I have the time, but I don't have the energy to do justice to both."

Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor, will be that municipality's representative on the police detachment board.

Carter was chosen to be Minden Hills' representative on the detachment board.

Council agreed to defer the board appointment until the next meeting.

County's poverty, housing issues to be at the fore

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A summit to delve into some of Haliburton County's housing issues will take place this fall.

Sue Tiffin, the Community Safety and Well-Being plan coordinator, said there are three plan-initiated collaborative events on the calendar. They are the second annual First Responders Day, a youth online art exhibition, and a newly-created service providers summit.

The Bridges Out of Poverty Training on April 20 is organized by the Poverty Reduction Roundtable. That free session consists of condensed training of the Bridges Out of Poverty program.

This program is a framework for understanding poverty and the hidden rules of economic class. The framework is used to develop programs and strategies that improve relationships at the front-line level, improve outcomes at the organizational level, and improve systems at the community level.

The second annual First Responders Day May 1 is a collaborative community open house event that will be held at bases, halls, and stations throughout Haliburton County.

People will be able to meet emergency personnel, learn about available programs and services, hear about volunteer and career opportunities, understand how to prepare for emergencies, and get an up-close look at emergency equipment and vehicles.

This event will be spread across the Stanhope Firefighters Hall in Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East Fire Department's Station 4 in Wilberforce, Dysart Fire Department and EMS Base in Haliburton, and at the EMS Base, Minden Hills Fire Department and Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment in Minden.

On May 9, Dr. Sandra McNeil's research, called Recovery, Identity, Resistance, will be presented virtually by way of Zoom.

It's a virtual presentation and film based on interviews conducted with people with lived experience of substance use living in City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

The event is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County.

Anti-Stigma, Harm Reduction, Naloxone training will take place May 13 and 16 for staff to recognize and understand the opioid crisis and bring awareness to what is happening in the community.

Interested staff members from City of Kawartha Lakes, Dysart et al, Haliburton County Public Library, Point in Time and Haliburton County Youth Hub have received this training.

Haliburton County residents under the age of 30 will be asked this fall to share their thoughts and concerns on one or all of the four identified priority areas of Haliburton County's CSWB plan through artwork, photography, or a digital piece. Work will be uploaded to a virtual exhibition site hosted by the Rails End Gallery.

On Oct. 9, local service providers and those from outside the county who support residents in this catchment area, will gather to discuss well-being of frontline workers.

The events calendar will round up with a housing summit Oct. 24 hosted by Places4People.

"The report is indicative of a lot of work that's going on," said Warden Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands' mayor.

Telling Our Stories

The Speakers Series is really looking forward to welcoming Ian Tamblyn to speak at this month's presentation on Wednesday, May 8. Ian is best known as an award winning, legendary Canadian singer songwriter but he is also an adventure guide and has spent parts of the past 27 years guiding tours in the Arctic, Antarctic and other remote parts of the world. He will be regaling us with stories and photos of high adventure, terrific humour and thoughtful reflection.

Ian Tamblyn is no stranger to the Highlands as a performer and as a teacher at the Haliburton School of Art and Design and Winter Folk Camp. Ian will also be in concert the following night at the Dominion Hotel in Minden.

The Speakers Series is a program of the Haliburton COOP and happens on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery.

Admission is $15/person payable at the door or on line at www.tellingourstories.company.site.

As seating is limited, pre-registration is highly recommended. To obtain tickets, contact Barrie Martin by at 705.457.7557 or by email at barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

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Parents angered over busing changes

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Recently, there have been concerns regarding the TLDSB's policy changes to busing students in Haliburton County. Elementary students as young as the age of four years old will be required to walk if they live within 1.6 kilometres from their school. Carolynne Bull, manager of communications for TLDSB was reached for comment.

"Over the past several years, TLDSB has been reviewing historical exception areas with previously identified conditions. These were areas where students may not have been expected to walk to school. Transportation Services, in consultation with the TLDSB senior administration, have reviewed exception areas annually including in Bracebridge, Huntsville, Kirkfield, Kilworthy, Fenelon Falls, and this year Haliburton, to determine if the conditions still exist and make changes where appropriate. The review could not identify the reason for this historical exception, however it was noted that the conditions in the villages of Minden and Haliburton are similar to those in other areas of review and similar to the conditions across TLDSB for schools without any exception areas. The reviews ensure, that in the absence of any known hazards, the transportation walk to school distances of 1.6 km for JK to Grade 8 students and 3.2 km for secondary students are being equitably applied across the Board."

"TLDSB is predominantly a rural board so the walking conditions within each municipality are considered and areas similar to Haliburton such as the villages of Kirkfield and Kilworthy have also been reviewed. Changes to student transportation eligibility have resulted from the route review process in these communities as well," says Bull. "All reviews have identified suitable conditions for students to walk to school with normal conditions such as crossing the street."

Students that are within the walk zone of a school and are currently receiving transportation will no longer be eligible for busing this coming school year. Families were notified by letter regarding this change, says Bull.

Against the odds, Walleye continue to spawn in the Drag River

Lake Kashagawigamog Chain walleye have completed their annual spawning run on the Drag River below the Emmerson Dam in Haliburton. Once again, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA) volunteers counted the spawning fish. The effort is part the HHOA's Walleye Watch Program that was reinstated in 2021 to help rehabilitate the Kashagawigamog Chain walleye fishery. This year HHOA volunteers counted 1,007 walleyes over 29 nights. Last year, 1,438 walleyes were counted.

"Unfortunately, spawning walleye numbers have declined in recent years. Prior to 2015 when the HHOA was actively assisting the spawn, as many as 6,000 fish were counted per year at the Drag River site. In the last four years we've counted an average of around 1,450 fish per year. The Walleye have a lot working against them," said Dan Smith, president of the HHOA.

Walleye spawn in the Drag River in downtown Haliburton. /Photo by Elian Grigore, HHOA volunteer

The original "Walleye Watch Program" began in the early 2000s and ran for 15 years. During that time the HHOA worked with the MNRF to harvest Drag River walleye eggs from spawning fish and hatch them in the HHOA fish hatchery. Walleye fingerlings were then returned to the Kashagawigamog Chain. This effort helped ensure more walleye survived the spawn. Unfortunately, walleye stocking was stopped in 2015 and current Fisheries Management Zone 15 rules prohibit the HHOA from assisting the fishery. The Drag River site is considered one of the most important walleye spawning areas in the region.

The spawning walleye face many other challenges as well. Black Crappie were illegally introduced to the Kashagawigamog system and are known to feast on immature walleye. Additionally, after the walleye deposit their eggs, it is critical that water levels and flow below the private Emmerson dam remains consistent for at least two weeks after the spawn ends. Without proper water flow the walleye eggs can be exposed and the spawn will not be successful. HHOA lobbies Parks Canada every year to maintain the water levels, but that effort has not always been successful.

The HHOA conducted an angling survey of the Kashagawigamog Chain of Lakes in 2021. Of those responding, 82 per cent cited a significant decline in walleye fishing on the chain.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association helps create, maintain, and enhance local fisheries. Its mission is to help residents and visitors to the Haliburton Highlands enjoy angling opportunities while practicing good conservation. Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked over 800,000 fish in local lakes. For more information on the HHOA and the Walleye Watch Program visit: www.hhoa.on.ca/news.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Everything ICF hosts first hands–on training day

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Braces are installed to support ICF walls before concrete is poured at a new build in Algonquin Highlands during Everything ICF's hands-on training day on April 18. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Insulating concrete foam (ICF) is becoming an increasingly popular way to build thanks to its strength, energy efficiency, and durability.

Completely different from framed construction, the world of ICF is fairly new to many builders and homeowners.

Everything ICF, an Algonquin Highlands-based business that supplies ICF products throughout Ontario, recently offered a free hands-on training day at a new build to teach 30 attendees about the most effective ICF practices.

"While ICF has become popular in the modern construction landscape, there's still a lot of work to be done regarding creating a better understanding of the benefits of the product and how it works," said Doug Wood, Everything ICF co-owner. "Our focus is on providing a better way to build highly efficient multi-generational homes, and a big part of that is education."

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, most ICF training programs have been online seminars.

Wood said the best way to understand ICF is to see the installation process on-site.

"The seminars managed to cover a lot, but it didn't give people the hands-on experience that really brings everything together," Wood said. "We created a safe space for people to practice and make mistakes while making sure no major problems occurred on this site. Everyone who participated really appreciated the opportunity."

The eight-hour day consisted of theory and product knowledge in the morning before the group split up into smaller teams to get building.

Lunch for everyone was catered by Gangster Cheese, an Uxbridge-based food truck.

Wood said some of the attendees were contractors hoping to learn more about ICF installation, some were homeowners planning to build with ICF themselves, and others were manufacturing representatives wanting to learn about their custom engineered slab packages.

"Everyone who wanted to participate got a chance to work on the different tasks involved with building an ICF home. We covered how to properly stack blocks, where to place rebar for above-grade walls and the role it plays in structural integrity, fastening the wall together using a hook system, which tools work best with ICF and fibreglass rebar, and cutting and fitting window and door frames," he said.

Since receiving positive feedback from the first training day on April 18, Everything ICF has more in the works.

"We're now hoping to host the majority of our training days on actual build sites, and we're working out a couple of new ideas," Wood said. "We have a lot of interest in how our ICF roof system works, so we're going to try and setup another training day for that near the end of May."

More information can be found on everythingicf.ca.

To get in touch with Everything ICF, call the office at 705-306-4911 or email doug@everythingicf.ca.

"We'd like to give a huge thanks to everyone that attended and to Gangster Cheese and Alleguard for helping us pull this off," Wood said. "We can't wait to get out there again."

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Once, twice, sold!

Camp Medeba's annual Not-So-Silent Auction was held on Saturday, April 20 as a fundraiser for the upcoming camp year. Attendees participated in a live and silent auction full of exciting items. TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Acoustic sessions

Don Ross, voted twice as world's best fingerstyle guitarist, awed the crowd at the Music Room in Haliburton on Saturday, April 20. Ross played alongside guest Kent Nishimura blending elements of folk, jazz, and blues. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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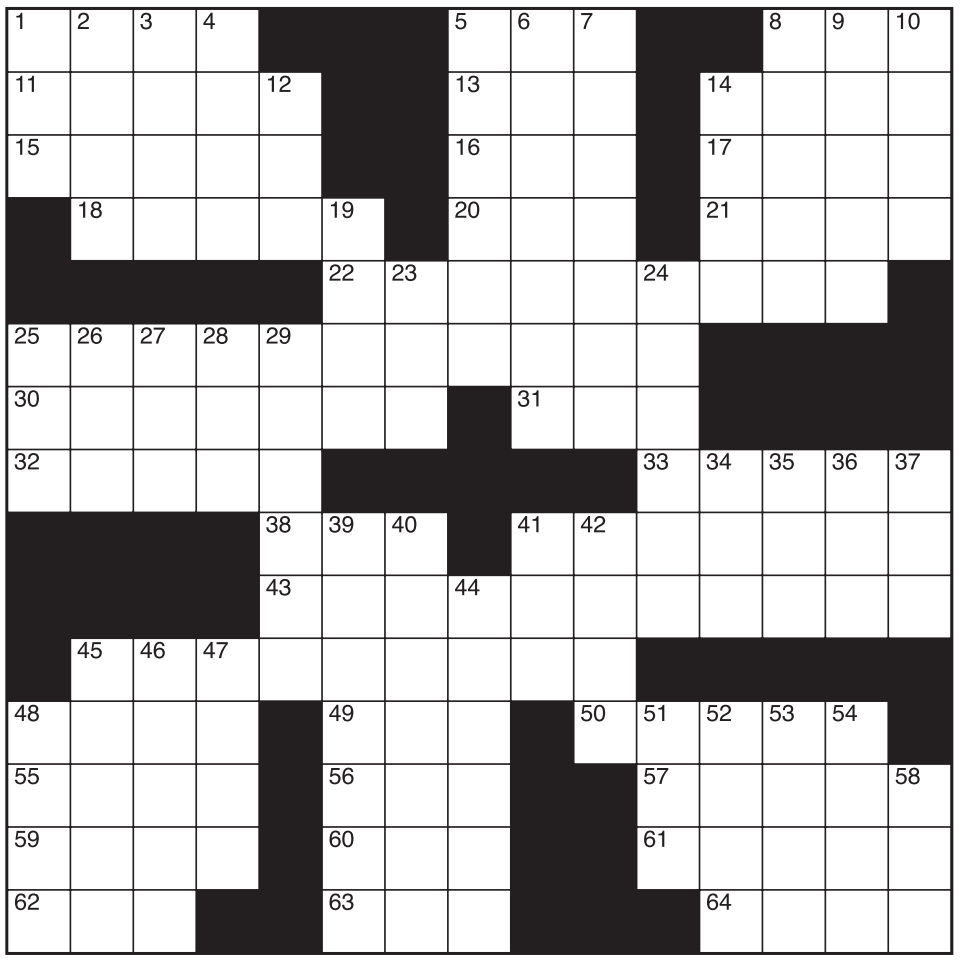

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16. When you anticipate getting somewhere
17. Spanish river
18. Sporting events
20. Type of tree
21. Ceased to be
22. Persons
25. Synthetic resin
30. Relates to photochemical reactions
31. Father
32. Former Cowboys coach
33. City in Finland
38. Run batted in
41. Got through
43. They darken skin
45. In a harmful way
48. Form of weaving
49. City of Angels hoopster
50. Caucasian language
55. Syngman __, Korean president
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57. Paddled
59. Fishes
60. Affirmative
61. Nimble
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63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. A small island

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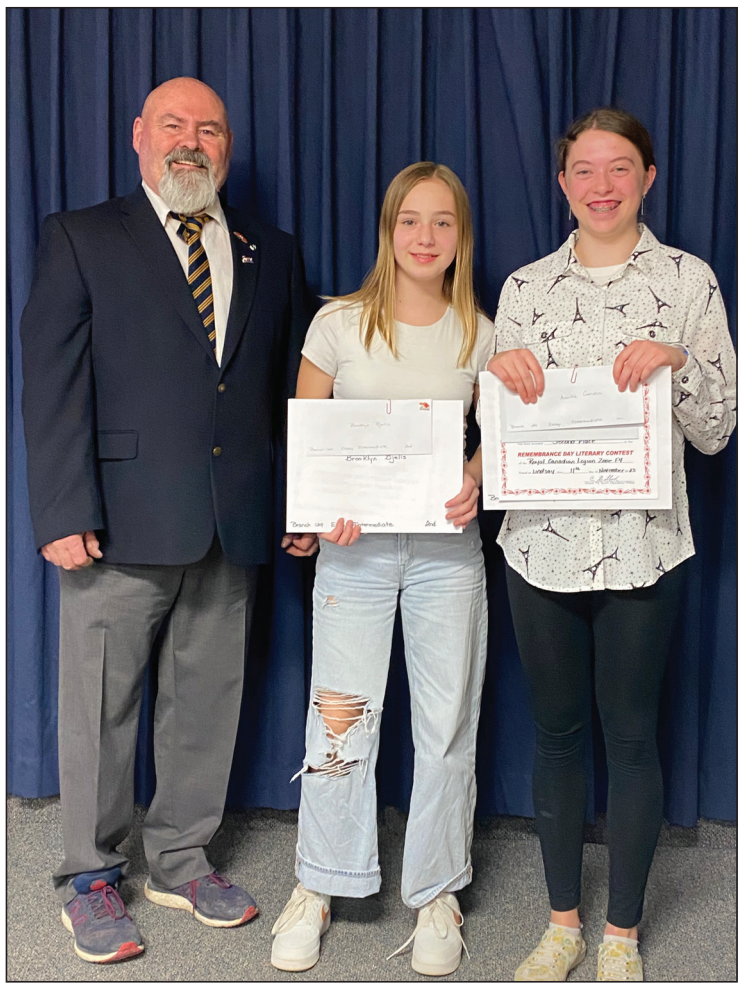
7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
8. Israeli statesman
9. Hurries
10. Slog
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Benedictine monk
19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
23. Family of regulator genes
24. Surrendering
25. Political action committee
26. S. American plant
27. Long-term memory
28. Bark
29. Breathes in
34. Take hold of
35. Everyone has one
36. Valentine's Day color
37. Drivers' licenses and passports
39. Outer walls of castles
40. Enters with force
41. One thousandth of an inch
42. Deceased Chinese politician
44. Sugary secretion of plants
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Shelter
47. Utilizes
48 Forest resident
51. Fashion accessory
52. A sharply directional antenna
53. __ Kristofferson, actor
54. A bad place to

Answers on page 14

Lest we forget

The Haliburton Legion hosted their annual awards evening for local youth to be recognized for participating in the Remembrance Day contest featuring essays, poems, and posters on April 26. A handful of students also won in the zone and district. Participants ages ranged from elementary school to high school and were awarded with a cash prize for their submissions. All submissions were featured in Branch 129 over Remembrance Day. /Submitted



Hal High Monthly

Hal High Monthly is written by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School leadership class featuring monthy school news.

What's New At Hal High?

By Gabriel Humphrey (Grade 12), Cameron Lebel (Grade 12), and Ireland Meyer (Grade 12)

April was a busy month for Hal High and its students. This month was jam packed with exciting activities, including a Teacher vs. Students Basketball Tournament, which saw teachers including Mr. Longo, Mr. Gervais, Mr. Gaffney, and more turning it up on the court. This event rocked the school at lunch on April third with a three on three and a four on four court. The event had an amazing turnout! Students donated towards the school's athletic department to play against their favourite teachers. It turns out students loved to compete against their teachers as they won the majority of the games.

Hal High was lucky enough to host qualifiers for Senior and Junior Badminton. Our Seniors pushed themselves to their limits and their hard work paid off with multiple people like Autumn Winder and Aidan Perrott qualifying for Kawarthas. Autumn Winder played in the qualifiers at Hal High and placed fourth in women's singles. She then competed at Kawarthas and said, "I think I could have played better, but I played strong competition. Everyone was very talented. I'm happy with how it went." Aidan Perrott, speaking about Kawarthas, said, "I think we played alright, I think we could've played better but there's four teams that are evenly matched so whoever has their best day." He also said he and his badminton duo were "feeling good" going into the next tournament.

The students and teachers also had a great time expressing their inner wackiness as Wacky Week took over Hal High. They enjoyed different theme days, including Throwback Thursday, Wacky Wednesday, and Floral Friday. Students and teachers participated by wearing wacky clothing and ended their week with a Semi-Formal dance on Friday night. This dance was a fundraiser for the year's Grade 12 prom. The Semi-Formal saw around 150 students participate in the dance.

The members of the Interac Club also went to Extendicare to visit and read with the residents there. An Interac member, Lillian Ramsdale, had the pleasure of reading with a resident named Sandy. She recalled that Sandy was extremely sweet and loved turtles. The entire club had an amazing time socializing with the residents of Extendicare.

Multiple sports are starting up at Hal High as we head into the spring season. Men's rugby and Women's soccer kicked off this month with people trying out and beginning to practice. They will begin to take on different schools in May. Good luck Redhawks!

The school also hosted our very first annual cornhole tournament. The event was a major success seeing many Redhawks participate in the tournament. This tournament featured students from Hal High but the ones who qualified will play other students from different schools.

Grade 10 students at Hal High were busy studying during the month of April because of the OSSLT. OSSLT stands for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test which all students in Ontario must write in grade 10 and pass at some point in order to obtain their diploma. We're all very confident that the Redhawks did amazing on the test this year.

This month Hal High did a lot, particularly in athletics. The students made the school proud while competing in badminton, cornhole, and track and field. We completely expect that they will continue to make Hal High proud in the upcoming months when playing soccer and rugby. Another amazing month for the Redhawks. Keep up the good work!

Quoi de Neuf à Hal High?

Par Sophia Gervais (Grade 12), Violet Crete (Grade 11),
Sierra Moore (Grade 11), et Taliah Dumas-Stephenson (Grade 11)

Beaucoup de choses se sont passées ce mois-ci à HHSS avec des événements et sports. Pendant la deuxième semaine d'avril, notre école a participé à la Semaine Farfelue. La Semaine Farfelue a consisté de quatre jours de fun! Le mardi nous avons fait une "Jour des Jumeaux", le mercredi nous avons fait un "Mercredi Farfelu", le jeudi nous avons fait ◘Retour en Arrière◘, et finalement, le vendredi nous avons fait "Vendredi Fleuri". Avec chaque jour de l'esprit le cours de leadership a calculé des points pour chaque classe qui ont porté leurs propres vêtements. L'équipe qui a gagné à reçevoir une punition! Comme punition, Mr D'Ambrosio a sauté dans le lac!

Nous avons célébré la Semaine de Sensibilisation à l'Autisme le 2 avril. Pour célébrer, nous avons porté du rouge. Le 22 avril nous avons célébré le Jour de la Terre en portant le bleu et le vert. Nous avons aussi éteint les lumières pendant une période. Le 19 avril, la comité du Prom a organisé le Spring Fling. Les élèves ont participé et ont dansé toute la nuit!

La comité dans la cours de Leadership qui essaie de créer une salle de classe de plein air continue à travailler fort pour créer un espace dans notre cours pour les élèves de Hal High pour utiliser et apprécier pour les années à venir. Le cours dehors et les classes des technologies aident aussi avec la création d'espace. Notre Club Interact avait visité Extendicare pour lire aux résidents. Aussi, les élèves de 10e année ont écrit leurs OSSLT. Beaux efforts!

Il y avait beaucoup d'activités sportifs en avril. En l'honneur de la journée de OFSAA le 24 d'avril, HHSS a célébré le 75ème anniversaire de OFFSA. Le tournoi a atteint environ 20 équipes avec quatre élèves sur chaque équipe. Il y avait des prix pour les gagnantes et aussi pour les équipes qui avaient les meilleurs costumes et les équipes avec les meilleurs chants.

Notre équipe de badminton a commencé à jouer et à pratiquer vers la fin de mai et début d'avril. Les paires et singles ont traversé préqualifiés, qualifiés, kawartha, COSSA et OFSA. Les élèves qui sont arrivés à Kawarthas sont Abi Lewis, Ceinwyn Matua, Autumn Winter, Aiden Perrot Copper Coles. Aiden Perrot et Copper Coles ont traversé Kawarthas et se qualifient pour Cossa. S'ils passent COSSA, le prochain est OFFSA!

Notre équipe féminine de football a commencé à pratiquer ce mois; bonne chance pour une saison forte! Avec le retour de l'équipe masculine de rugby après leur absence depuis 2012, les sélections ont démarré. Ils ont commencé à s'entraîner pour leur premier tournoi. L'équipe d'athlétisme a commencé fort cette année. Le 17 avril, notre équipe est allée à Brighton pour le ENSS Relay Carnival. Tout le monde a fait un bon travail et beaucoup d'entre eux ont pu se classer dans le top 10.

Dans l'ensemble, l'école a connu un mois riche en évènements, plein d'activités et sports à HHSS!

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Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON or online at https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/bids-and-tenders.aspx

Making strides

The HHSS Track and Field team competed in their opening meet at ENSS on April 17. The team, with 37 athletes, showed its depth with many strong relay runs and several top finishes in the long jump pit at the ENSS Relay Carnival. The Hawks are prepping for their next competition at the Bay of Quinte Invitational on May 10, followed by Kawartha on May 16. /Submitted by Karen Gervais

Hustling

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys rugby team practices on a chilly morning on the Gary Brohman Athletic Field last week to prepare for their first upcoming games in May. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Notice

(Applicant – An/Oh)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Esson Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 13, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-10952 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed November 14, 2023**. *(Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East)*.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

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Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 23rd day of April, 2024.

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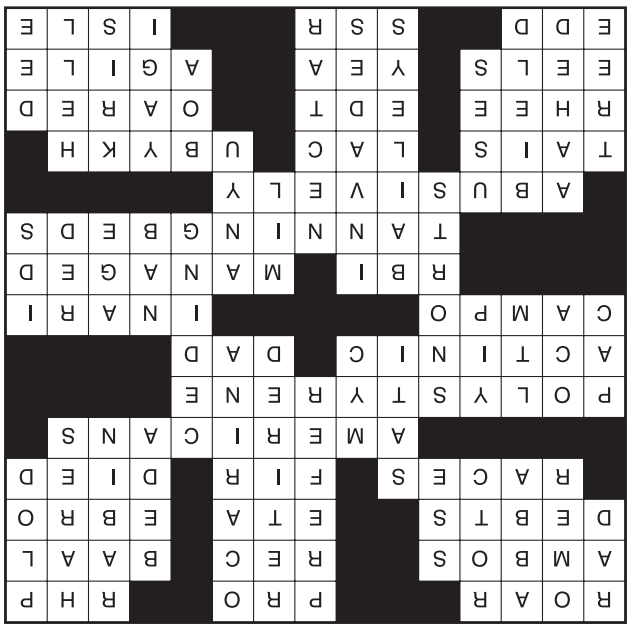

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A Celebration of Life

John James Strange and Mary Catherine Strange
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Refreshments will be served following the Celebration Service. In lieu of flowers and in keeping with the wishes of John and Mary Strange, please consider a donation to the Scott Mission, your local Food Bank or a charity of your choice. Please email Heather McIntosh at heather_mcintosh58@yahoo.ca of your intended attendance.

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Realizing that there was no pharmacy within close proximity to Haliburton, Dr. Good felt obligated to ensure that properly prescribed medications became easily assessible by opening his own dispensary to serve his patients and the local community.

Lately, a number of pharmacists had approached Dr. Good showing an interest in opening a full service pharmacy in Haliburton, Harry Good again felt an obligation to the community to ensure that the pharmacists undertaking this important professional community function would be able to provide the expertise of a full drug store service.

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Haliburton Pharmacy fills prescriptions covered by all third party payments plans including the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan, Blue Cross and Green Shield.

We welcome Haliburton Pharmacy to our community and wish them luck in their new endeavour.

Shopping plaza-motel planned for lakefront

Haliburton Highlands Properties Limited has revealed it's plans for a waterfront park and shopping area in Haliburton.

The plan proposes the development of approximately 3½ acres of waterfront property in the heart of Haliburton Village, on lands owned by the Canadian National Railway.

The intent of the plan is to provide Haliburton residents with a modern shopping facility as well as ensure long term access to lands which are obviously useful for park and recreational purposes. This proposal has been discussed in some detail with the Municipality of Dysart et al, and has received their approval. It has also been agreed that portions of the development would be under direct control of the Municipality as well as the Developer.

In addition to a shopping area and recreation area the development includes a motel, restaurant, lounge, dining lounge and boat docking facilities. R.J. Bishop, speaking on behalf of Haliburton Highlands Properties Limited, indicated that a high degree of municipal co-operation will be necessary to ensure the success of this development.

"Government regulations stand in the way of almost all kinds of development. Generally speaking these regulations are for the common good, however, even when a developer is in agreement with these regulations, he will often require a great deal of co-operation and assistance from various levels of government".

We understand it has taken approximately 2 years to bring this proposal to this present stage, and that it will be several months before a final decision between the Developer, the Municipality and the Canadian National Railway can be reached.

Above is an artists conception of the proposed development planned for the CN lakefront property by Haliburton Highlands Properties Limited.

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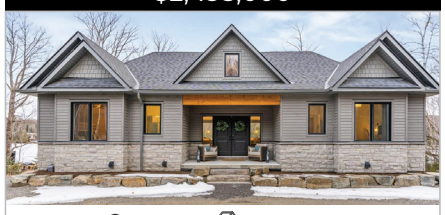

5 X BED · TURN KEY · SAND BEACH · SOUTHWEST EXPOSURE

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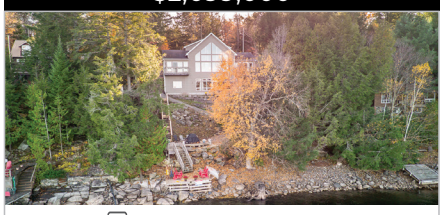

5 X BED · 4 X BATH · 107 FT. FRONTAGE · 3437 SQ. FT

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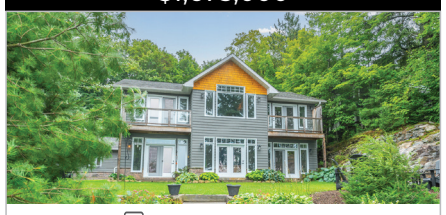

4 X BED · 3 X BATH · DEN · MUNICIPAL ROAD

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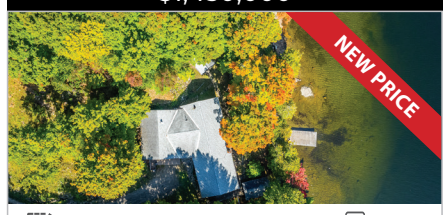

2.58 ACRES · BOATHOUSE · 3 X BED · 3 X BATH

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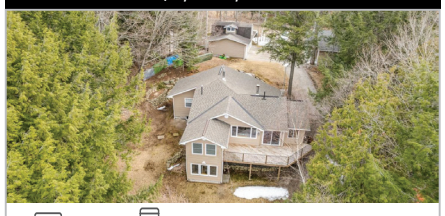

3 X BED · 2 X BATH · GREAT LOCATION

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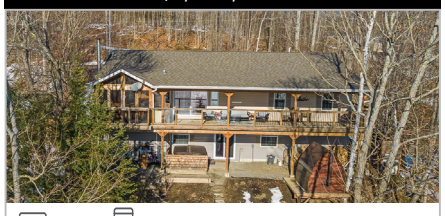
WENONA LAKE
$1,190,000



3 X BED · 3 X BATH · WESTERN EXPOSURE · SAUNA

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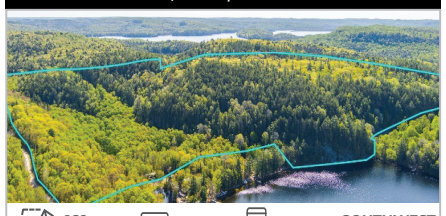

169 ACRES · 3 X BED · 2 X BATH · SOUTHWEST EXPOSURE

MLS# 40424313

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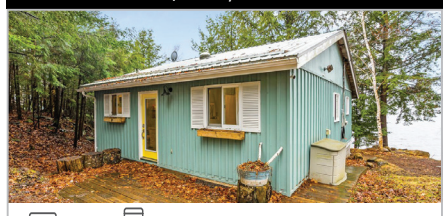

4 X BED · 2 X BATH · WESTERN EXPOSURE · MUNICIPAL ROAD

MLS# 40552668

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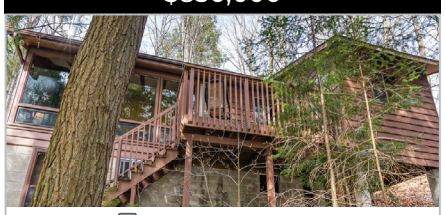

3 X BED · 1 X BATH · SOUTHERN EXPOSURE · BOATHOUSE

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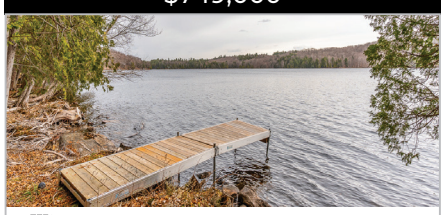
KUSHOG LAKE
$749,000



4.17 ACRES · WATERFRONT · DRIVEWAY INSTALLED

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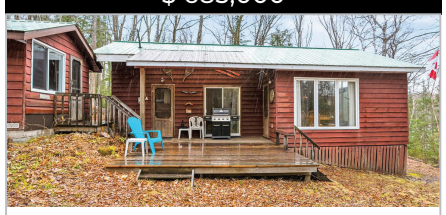
HUDSON LAKE
$ 685,000



240 FT. FRONTAGE · 2 X BED · BUNKIE

MLS# 40572042

SHARON LAKE
$639,900

3 X BED · 1 X BATH · TURN KEY

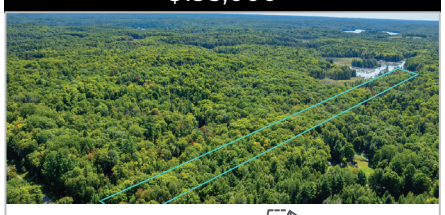
MLS# 40572048

BIRCH NARROWS ROAD
$329,000

GREAT LOCATION · 5 X BED

MLS# 40569788

BETHEL ROAD
$195,000



330 FT. FRONTAGE · MUNICIPAL ROAD · 24.65 ACRES

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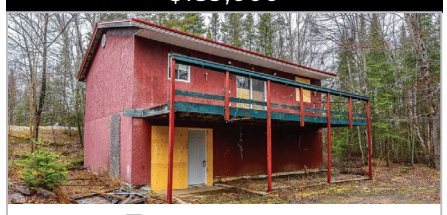
GLAMORGAN ROAD
$189,000



1 X BED · 1 X BATH · 9.5 ACRES

MLS# 40569783

GRACE RIVER ROAD
$185,000

LAKEFRONT · 2.61 ACRES

MLS# 40549856

GRACE RIVER ROAD
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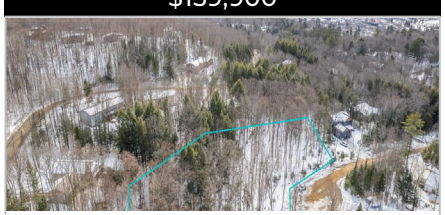
RIVERFRONT · 1.23 ACRES

MLS# 40549838

LAKEVIEW ST.
$159,900



GREAT LOCATION · MUNICIPAL ROAD · 1.47 ACRES

MLS# 40538935

GULL LAKE
$1,290,000

MLS# 40546940

HWY 118
$479,000

MLS# 40543181

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